Accessibility Intern - Help Veterans With Disabilities Learn About Their Benefits

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE
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Project Title	Accessibility Intern - Help Veterans With Disabilities Learn About Their Benefits
Project Summary	Ensure that content posted on the https://www.va.gov/ website is accessible to Veterans with sight, hearing, or other disabilities, in accordance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
Country	United States
Agency	Veterans Affairs Department
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	10

Project Description

VA's Digital Media Engagement Team is looking for undergraduate and graduate students who want to help ensure that disabled Veterans have the same access to information as those who are not disabled. In particular, this internship will involve the remediation of documents that are currently posted on the https://www.va.gov/ website, or any documents that are submitted in the future for posting on the website.

Many of our nation's Veterans come home with disabilities. This internship position will give you the opportunity to ensure that those disabled Veterans will have the same opportunity to to learn about benefits and services that VA provides as everyone else. Individuals with sight or hearing disabilities require special software to access web and digital media content. Your work will ensure that the content on the https://www.va.gov/ website and other VA communication platforms is formatted in a way that it is accessible to Veterans with disabilities.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Remediation is the process of taking a document that is not compliant with Section 508 requirements (i.e. not accessible for individuals with disabilities) and making it compliant. This is not a skill that we expect many interns to already possess (though if you are experienced in document remediation, all the better). If you do not know how to remediate documents already, that is OK. However, in order to succeed in this role, you will need to be willing to take the time necessary to learn. It is not difficult, and it is a skill that you would do well to learn if you seek a career in the federal government.

You will need to be able to acquire access to Adobe Acrobat software as it will not be provided.

Language Requirements

None